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1. DAVID COFFIN OF ECONOMIC DIVISION OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INFORMED E/C COUNSELOR THAT A LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE CABINET ECONOMIC COMMITTEE (MINISTERIAL LEVEL) OF GNZ ON FEBRUARY 17 INDICATING GNZ ACCEPTANCE OF LONG TERM PROGRAM. LETTER WHICH SHOULD BE DELIVERED SHORTLY TO CHAIRMAN, MAKES A SPECIFIC DECLARATION REGARDING CHAPTER 5 AND ON THE GUIDING PRINCIPALS OF CHAPTER 3.

2. COFFIN SAID THAT THOUGH GNZ CONFIRMED GENERAL CONCURRENCE WITH ACCESS PROVISIONS THERE
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WAS FEELING AMONG GNZ OFFICIALS THAT AT BEST NZ

DID NOT STAND TO BENEFIT TOO MUCH FROM THEM AND POSSIBLY IF THERE WERE SIZEABLE OIL DISCOVERIES IN NZ (A POSSIBILITY WHICH SOME OFFICIALS CONSIDER QUITE REAL) NZ'S COMMITMENT TO SHARE ENERGY COULD CONSTITUTE A CONTRIBUTION QUITE BEYOND TOTAL BENEFITS.

3. THE CONCLUDING PART OF LETTER MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THE EXTENT OF GNZ IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEASURES DEPENDS ON THE DEGREE OF COOPERATION THAT IS ACHIEVED AMONG IEA MEMBERS.

4. COFFIN SAID THERE WAS A FEELING AMONG SOME OFFICIALS THAT GNZ SHOULD BE FIRMER AND MORE CLEAR CUT IN ITS STAND, BUT THAT THE FEELING AT CABINET LEVEL WAS THAT THE LETTER TO CHAIRMAN TECHNIQUE COULD MEET NZ'S NEEDS ON GETTING ITS CONCERNS ON THE RECORD WITHOUT CREATING TOO GREAT OF A PROBLEM FOR GETTING AGREEMENT IN IEA.
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